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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

CB - Converted Boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 RRym- Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. The following troop trains between
17 and 24 September 1954:

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<u>Date in</u> <u>September</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
17	6 CB, 9 B, 67 F	645	Altenburg	Gotha
	8 CB, 2 B, 43 F	795	"	Georgenthal
18	5 CB, 2 B, 23 F	450	"	"
	9 B, 35 F	660	"	"
	12 B, 35 F	774	"	"
	9 CB, 27 F	648	"	"
24	12 B, 47 F	800	Merseburg	"
	12 B, 34 F	650	"	"
	4 B, 3 F, 13 RRym		Halle	Mechterstaedt
	10 F, 5 RRym		"	"

2. Troop trains observed between 23 September
and 6 October included:

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23	3 B, 12 F with tanks and trucks	Cottbus	Weiswasser
25	4 B with soldiers, 9 F with JS-3 tanks, and 10 F with trucks	Welzow	Finsterwalde

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Date	Description	From	To	Count
September 27	52 B with soldiers	Magdeburg	Guben	
	8 B, 7 F	Cottbus	Finsterwalde	
28	50 B with soldiers	Chemnitz	Guben	
29	6 F with six T-34 tanks	Justerbog	Cottbus	4
	52 B with soldiers	Chemnitz	Frankfurt/Oder	
	52 B with soldiers	Weimar	Guben	
30	1 B, 17 F with trucks, [redacted]	Welzow	Finsterwalde	
	6 F with six tanks	Weisswasser	Cottbus	4
	6 F with 3 JS-3 tanks [redacted] and 2 T-34 tanks, [redacted]	"	Cottbus	4
October 1	176 cars	Koenigshrueck	Leisnig Grimma Poederau Rueckmarsdorf Wurzen	5
2	54 B with soldiers	Dresden	Guben	
4	56 B with soldiers	Frankfurt/Oder	Weimar	
6	55 B with soldiers	Magdeburg	Frankfurt/Oder	

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3. Between 17 September and 3 October, 361 eastbound empty converted boxcars and 216 westbound converted boxcars with soldiers passed through the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station.
4. On 12 October, a troop train of 50 boxcars with soldiers was observed at Frankfurt/Oder. The train came from Kuestrin and went toward Cottbus.
5. The following shuttle-trains with soldiers (except as noted) were dispatched via Guben between 9 and 14 October:

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Date in October	Number of Cars	From	To
9	54 B	Jagodin	Cottbus
	54 B; empty	Guben	Kowel
	54 B	Jagodin	Cottbus
	54 B	Guben	Kowel
10	55 B	Jagodin	Cottbus
	54 B	Guben	Kowel
	54 B	"	"

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Date in October	Number of Cars	From	To
11	54 B	Jagodin	Cottbus
12	54 B	"	"
	54 B	Eberswalde	Kowel
13	54 B	Jagodin	Cottbus
	54 B	Guben	Kowel
	54 B	Jagodin	Frankfurt/Oder
	54 B	Meissen	Kowel
14	54 B	Jagodin	Cottbus

6. On 15 October, a troop train of 12 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 16 x 85-mm AT guns and 25 trucks

passed through the Wustermark railroad station. The train came from the west and went to Doeberitz. 6

7. On 15 October, the following troop trains from Wittstock

Composition of Troop Trains

Receiving Station

13 CB, 47 F	Dallgow-Doeberitz
6 CB, 22 F	"
11 CB, 18 F	"
5 CB, 22 F	Velten
14 CB, 38 F	"
12 CB, 48 F	"

8. Troop trains from Bernau which were to be handed over to Polish railroad officials between 17 and 29 October included:

Date in October	Number of Cars	Tons	Handing-Over Station
17	55 B, 3 F	-	Frankfurt/Oder
20	undetermined	1,200	Kuestrin
25	"	-	"
26	"	-	Guben
29	"	-	"

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9. Troop trains which passed through Dresden-Friedrichstadt on 11 and 16 October included a train of 56 B which came from Weimar and went toward Dresden-Neustadt on 11 October; and another train of 3 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 15 JS-1 tanks and 12 trucks which came from the direction of Schwepnitz and proceeded toward Grimma. 5

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1. Comment. Previous reports led to the assumption that the army artillery brigades which were absent from the Altenburg post on 22 September 1954 participated in major fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army. There were, however, no sufficient indications that a maneuver was held at army-level. According to the present report, elements of the two brigades probably moved to Ohrdruf, possibly for firing practices, on 17 and 18 September 1954. Another report indicates that these units returned to Altenburg prior to 25 September 1954. On 25 September 1954, elements of the two brigades departed again on three troop trains. On 1 October 1954, the units returned to Altenburg.

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2. Comment. The troop trains probably carried contingents of the 76th Arty Brig to Ohrdruf for firing practice.

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3. Comment. The troop trains probably carried tank units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The units either went to tank firing practices or participated in the fall maneuvers of the division.

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4. Comment. The troop trains probably carried tank firing details of the 9th Mecz Div. the JS tanks are assigned to the 80th Gds Hv Tk SP Regt at Drachhausen (3304).

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5. Comment. The troop trains probably belonged to the return movement of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

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6. Comment. The vehicle indicate that the 2d Light Arty Brig returned from the maneuver of the 12th Gds Tk Div.

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7. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 31st AAA Div which also returned from the maneuver of the 12th Gds Tk Div.

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8. Comment. The shipment-record is reported for the first time. Previous reports which were used for troop shipments to the USSR are not sufficient proof that the trains in the present report actually carried troops. The distance between the various crossing stations does not support such an assumption.

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